COMMUNIQUE.

Home Department.

New Delhi, 27th August 1944.

In October 1943 the execution was announced of four enemy agents who were members of a party landed by a Japanese submarine on the west coast of India. Since then two more spies, who were connected with this party but who had entered India by a different route, have paid the extreme penalty after trial under the Enemy Agents' Ordinance. These were T. P. Kumaran Nair of Malabar and Ramu Thevar of the Ramnad District in Madras, both of whom were living in Malaya at the outbreak of hostilities with Japan.

Another case under the Enemy Agents' Ordinance has also been recently concluded, in which five persons were sentenced to death. They were members of a party who had been landed by parachute in India with money and equipment, including wireless transmission sets. These five persons were Ajaib Singh of the Amritsar District and Zahur Ahmed of the Sheikhupura District in Bengal, and Audeshwar Rai and Sham Lal Pande of the Gorakhpur District in the United Provinces. Their convictions and sentences were confirmed by the Judge of the High Court who reviewed the cases, but the death sentences passed on the two last mentioned persons have been commuted to transportation for life.

COMMUNIQUE.

Home Department.

New Delhi, dated 2nd October 1944.

Government are aware that many persons in Japanese occupied territories have offered to cooperate with the enemy in the hope of being able to escape and return to India. In particular, many Indian prisoners of war have succeeded in escaping in this way. The majority of these men have reported to the military or civil authorities on arrival in India, and have given the authorities much information about conditions in Japanese occupied territories. A case in point is the episode of the twelve Indian soldiers who landed on the coast of Baluchistan last March from a submarine, with orders to collect information and transmit it to the Japanese by means of wireless equipment which they had brought with them. The full facts were published at the time, and it will be remembered that these men reported to the authorities immediately on arrival, and handed over their equipment. They have now rejoined their regiments after a period of leave.

Government wish it to be realised that those who voluntarily give themselves up and show by making a full statement to the authorities that disloyalty has not entered into their conduct have nothing to fear. Those, on the other hand who attempt to carry out promises made to the enemy and engage in espionage or subversive activities, will be tracked down and punished with the utmost severity.

It sometimes happens that those whose intentions are innocent visit their homes to take the advise of their elders about what they should do. Government wish to emphasise that the only good advice which can be given them is that they should report at once to the nearest District Magistrate or Superintendent of Police, and lay the full and true facts before the officials who deal with them. Indeed, it is the duty of the public at large to report to the authorities any one suspected of being an enemy agent and to help in effecting the arrest of such persons.

R. Tottenham,
Additional Secretary to the
Government of India.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

No. R. 3127—*Muz.*, 86-44-2, *dated* 28*th October* 1944.

The Board of Dharmadarsis of the Palace Muzrai Institutions is reconstituted for a period of three years from 1st October 1944, with the following gentlemen as Dharmadarsis :—

Messrs.—
1 *Rajasevaprasakta* A Subramanya Iyer, Retired Excise Commissioner, Mysore.
2 A. Narasimhia, PH.D., M.A., L.T., Principal, Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore.
3 M. S. Ramadasappa, B.A., Retired Amildar, Mysore.
4 T. Krishna Rao, Mysore.
5 *Jyotisharathnam* Karur Seshachar, Palace Dharmadhikari, Mysore.

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No. S.R. 1897—*L.W.* 42-43-5, *dated* 31*st October* 1944.

Under proviso to sub-section (1) of Section 12 of the Mysore Labour Act, 1942, as amended by the Act, No. IV of 1944, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to extend by a fortnight, the period fixed in that sub-section for concluding the enquiry in the conciliation proceedings relating to the following managements :—

1 Oorgaum Gold Mining Co. of India Ltd.
2 The Nandydoorg Mines, Ltd.
3 The Champion Reef Gold Mines of India, Ltd.
4 The Mysore Gold Mining Co.
5 K. G. F. Electric Department.

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No. T. 874—*R. T.* 11-44-10, *dated* 3*rd November* 1944.

CORRIGENDA.

The following correction shall be made in the Mysore Used Motor Vehicles Control Order 1944, issued with notification No. T. 513—R. T. 11-44-6, dated the 5th September 1944 and published in Part IV of the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 5th September 1944:—

"In the first line of the letter in Form E printed as annexure to the aforesaid order for the words "Form C" read "Form D"

By Order,
K. SUBBA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

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DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

No. D. 2883 (1) *I. & C.* 216-43-10, *dated* 31*st October* 1944.

The following notification of the Government of India in the Department of Industries and Civil Supplies is republished for general information.

By Order,
C. E. NORONHA,
Secretary to Government,
Development Department.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Department of Industries and Civil Supplies.

No. 55 (17) *F. P.*—44, *New Delhi, the 5th August* 1944.

NOTIFICATION.

COFFEE CONTROL.

No. 55 (17)-F. P.—44.—In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 48 of the Coffee Market Expansion Act, 1942 (VII of 1942), the Central Government is pleased to direct that the following further amendment shall be made in the Coffee Market Expansion Rules, 1940, namely :—

In clause (ii) of sub-rule (5) of rule 34 of the said Rules, after the words "or the Chief Assistant Controller", the words "or the Assistant Controller or any other officer duly authorised by the Board" shall be inserted.

A. A. SAID,
For Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India.

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